



# 2015 ILEAD USA – Wisconsin

*Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover*  
*The 21st Century Technology and Leadership Skills Institute for the States*

*Are you interested in a new initiative to encourage Wisconsin library staff to meet 21st century needs with interactive, participatory tools? Do you want to be involved in a project that will develop your leadership and project management skills?*

During 2015, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Division for Libraries and Technology is partnering with state library agencies from Illinois, Delaware, Maine, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Utah to implement ILEAD USA. Since 2009, the Illinois State Library has hosted four extremely successful continuing education initiatives entitled ILEAD U (Illinois Libraries Explore, Apply and Discover), and ILEAD USA is an expansion of that program. Major funding for this 2015 ILEAD USA project is made possible through a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

## Goal of ILEAD USA

The primary goal of ILEAD USA is to implement a national program that develops the knowledge, skills and abilities of library staff to understand and respond to user needs through the application of participatory technology tools. The ILEAD USA program will expand the leadership skills of library staff members and increase their ability to use participatory technology to address an identified community need.

## Who Can Participate?

Because ILEAD USA is intended to be a leadership immersion program for library staff, anyone who is working in a Wisconsin library—a public, school, special, academic, or regional public library system—can apply to participate. Applicants are not required to have a master's degree in library science, do not need to be well versed in technological tools, or need to be facile using the latest Web-based technology.

Other library stakeholders—such as school administrators, public library trustees, local government officials, academic staff, etc.—are able to be involved with the ILEAD USA process by serving as community user representatives.

## Time Commitment

ILEAD USA - Wisconsin participants will actively participate in three mandated four-day in-person sessions over the course of nine months:

- March 23–26, 2015
- June 22–25, 2015
- October 26–29, 2015

During the Intersession periods between the three in-person sessions (April to May 2015 and July to September 2015), each team member will be responsible for participating in online training opportunities that will assist them in the completion of their ILEAD USA – Wisconsin team project.

## Location

The location for the three in-person 2015 ILEAD USA – Wisconsin sessions will be the Heidel House in Green Lake, an environment extremely conducive to collaboration, creativity, and teamwork.

## Costs

All lodging and meals for the team members during the course of the three in-person sessions will be paid for through the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant. Travel to and from the Heidel House and any personal or incidental expenses will be the responsibility of each team member.

## Create a Team

Each participant will apply with four other Wisconsin librarians to form a team of five ILEADers. One team member must be working in a Wisconsin public library. We are eager to see teams that are comprised of library staff from a variety of library types—public, school, academic, special, and regional public library systems.

## Application Process

An online application is available for teams to submit at [tinyurl.com/WI-ILEAD-USA](http://tinyurl.com/WI-ILEAD-USA). The deadline for applications is November 21, 2014.

## 2015 ILEAD USA – Wisconsin Timeline

Deadline for ILEAD USA – Wisconsin Applications	November 21, 2014
Notification of Accepted ILEAD USA – Wisconsin Teams	December 12, 2014
First Mandatory In-Person Session (Heidel House, Green Lake, WI)	March 23–26, 2015
Intersession Activities	April–June 2015
Second Mandatory In-Person Session (Heidel House, Green Lake, WI)	June 22–25, 2015
Intersession Activities	July–October 2015
Third Mandatory In-Person Session (Heidel House, Green Lake, WI)	October 26–29, 2015

## Questions?

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